

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina's state employees deliver services that enhance the lives of the people of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina's state employees perform a variety of challenging and important tasks, including preserving public safety and protecting the health of our citizens, working to ensure clean air and water, caring for crime victims and the economically-disadvantaged, rehabilitating and counseling people in need, attracting and supporting commerce, building and maintaining our highways, schools, and other infrastructure, administering justice, protecting citizens' rights, inspecting our food, licensing our cars, educating our children, and striving to advance medicine, science, and technology for the benefit of our residents; and

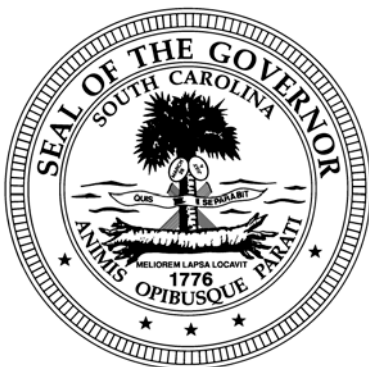
WHEREAS, in challenging economic and budget times, these dedicated servant leaders have assumed additional responsibilities and extra duties with compassion, professionalism and a commitment to those they serve, while continually seeking ways to cut costs and use taxpayer resources wisely; and

WHEREAS, the 2005 observance of South Carolina State Employee Recognition Day provides a special time to express our appreciation and gratitude to our state employees for their hard work and dedication to our continued well-being and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2005, as

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize state employees in the Palmetto State for their hard work, sacrifices, and dedication to the people of South Carolina.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**